

**From the Desk of Editor In-Chief
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COVID-19 has left a huge impact on our daily practice of medicine and in fact all walks of life. It has been a difficult period for the healthcare professionals to provide best of their abilities to their patients and at the same time avoid bringing the virus to home.

Universal precautions as we were supposed to use in our dialysis units are now implemented in the true letter and spirit. It would sound like a blessing in disguise for avoiding transmission of HCV to our negative patients. Nephrologists interested in HCV and its transmission among HCV patients should continue to monitor over the next couple of years to observe any decline in HCV seroconversion among our dialysis population.

In this issue a case series of COVID-19 patients with skin color darkening is reported by Rind HU from Quetta. It is the observation and identification of any abnormal clinical signs that makes an astute clinician to diagnose the disease at an early stage. In fact, Rind et al were able to diagnose earlier and prevent further transmission of COVID-19 by timely isolation.

Study by Khurshid S et al. again highlights the importance of universal precautions in seroconversion of our hemodialysis patients.

Two other articles in this issue by Mahmood SN et al and Qayyum A et al. again highlight the importance of timely creation of vascular access for chronic kidney disease patients approaching dialysis. Temporary catheters as shown are associated with significant morbidity and mortality. We should keep on striving for the “Fistula First” initiative to target better quality of life for our dialysis patients.

Finally the article by Rahman AU et al. takes our readers to the nitty gritty of hemodialysis session and information gained by viewing different parameters on the display board. It is important that we train our residents to look into the minute details of a dialysis session for early identification of problems related to dialysis session and vascular access.